



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HONOLULU DISTRICT, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
FORT SHAFTER, HAWAII 96858-5440

September 4, 2019

SUBJECT: Proposed Finegayan Small Arms Range Danger Zone – Response to Public Hearing Request; Department of the Army File No: POH-2018-78

To Requestor:

The Corps is in receipt of your request for a public hearing in response to the Corps' proposed rule for the Finegayan Small Arms Range danger zone at the Naval Base Guam Telecommunication Station.

During the public notice comment period, a broad range of issues were identified and communicated to the Corps. In order to make an informed decision, the Corps closely reviewed all comments. Additionally, we have assessed information provided by the Navy in response to the comments as well as other available information in the *Final Mariana Islands Training and Testing Final Environmental Impact Statement* and the *Mariana Islands Range Complex Environmental Impact Statement*.

The concerns raised by you and others have been brought to my attention and have been included in the public record of this case. As stated in our regulations (33 CFR 327), a public hearing is to be held "for the purpose of acquiring information or evidence..." to aid in the evaluation of a Department of the Army permit application. I have determined the record contains adequate information regarding your concerns and a hearing is not needed for making a decision on the permit application.

Prior to the Corps final decision of the proposed danger zone, the Corps will prepare environmental documentation in accordance with National Environmental Policy Act procedures at 33 CFR part 325, Appendix B. A summary of the comments received, with responses, will be included in the final decision which will be published in the Federal Register.

If you have any further questions, please contact Karen Urelus via email at Karen.M.Urelus@usace.army.mil, or by phone at (671) 339-2108.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David S. Hobbie", is located below the "Sincerely," text.

David S. Hobbie
Chief, Regional Regulatory Division